IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) Two cases in which ganja was seized from the vehicles of Border Road Task Force (BRTF)/Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) in the North-Easiern Region have come to the notice of the Government during 1988.

In the first case in which 780 kgs. of ganja were seize,} on 22.6.1988, the driver of BRTF vehicle is reported to be involved.

In the second case in which 780 kgs. of ganja were seized20.7.1988, the drug was reported to have been loaded by a_n ex-Naik of CRPF.

Necessary action to proceed against the persons/officials involved has been initiated including institution or departmental enquiry in one case.

Detention of VlPs at Sahar Airport (Bombay) for bringing banner items

1717. SHRi ATAL BIHABl VAJ-PAYEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE b_e pleased. t_0 state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Customs Officers at Bombay Sahar Airport detained/arrested five VIPs arriving bv an Alitalia flight on the 24th September night for bringing in banned items;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these VIP_S did not declare their good? and were trying to pass through the green channel;

(c) if so, what are the details in thfe regard; an^

(d) what action has been taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MUSPSTRY OF FINANCE (SHRi AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Investigation into divestment of Bombay Dyeing's hojdings

1718. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to slate-.

(a) whether it is a fact that an investigation ha_s been ordered by his Minis:ry into th_e divestment of Bombay Dyeing's holdings ib a very pro.-.table company, National Peroxide in favour of Mr. Nusli Wadia, his family members and close associates $p._s$ reported in 'he Times of India dated the 17th February, 1988 under the heading "Renewa' of Nusli's Permit decried and

(b) if so, what are the findings of such investigation and action proposed "o be taken ib the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOM'C AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FA-LEIRO): (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise.

12.00. NOON

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

[The Deputy Chairman I n the Chair]

I. Report and Accounts (1987-88) of the rvtifral Board for the Prevei tion *A* control of pollution. New Delhi and related papers.

II. Statement giving reason^ for not laying the Report and Audited Accounts (1986-87) of the Part-maja Naidu Himalaya$_R$ Zoological Pi.rk, Darjeeling; within 'he stipulated period.

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z R. ANSARI) : MADAM, I beg to lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hind') of *he following papers:—

(i) Annual Report of the Central Board for the Prevention and

Control of Pollution, New Delhi, for the year 1987-88, under subsection (1) of section 39 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974.

(ii) Annual Accounts of the Central Board fo$_r$ the Prevention and Control of Pollution, New Delhi, for the yea$_r$ 1987-88, and the Auditors' Report thereon, under sub-section (6) of section 40 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974.

(iii) Review by the Government on the working of the Board.

[Placed in Library, See No. LT-6806/88 for (i) to (iii)]

II, A statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for not laying the Annual Report and Audited Accounts of the Padmaja Naidu Himalayan Zoological Park, Dar jeeling, for ihe year 1986-87, within the stipulated period. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT-6807/88]

I. Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) under the customs Act, 1962.

13. Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) under the Central Excises and Salt Act, 1944.

Ill The Regional Rural Banks (Appointment and Promotion of officers and other Employees) Rules 1988.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): Madam, beg to ay on th$_e$ Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Financ$_e$ (Department of Revenue), under section 159 of the Customs Act 1962, together with explanatory memoranda on the Notifications:—

1 (1) G.S.R No. 925(E) dated the 13th September, 1988 amending Notification No. 71/87-Customs dated the 1st March, 1987 so as to extend the concessional customs duty to. three more items of machinery, extend th$_e$ validity of the Notification upto the 31st March, 1990 and amplify the description of airjet looms covered therein.

(2) G.S.R, No. 930(E) dated the 16th September, 1988, seeking to exempt four items of machinery used for th$_e$ manufacture of packaging media from basic customs duty in excess of 35 per cent ad-*valorem* and the whole of the additional duty of customs leviable thereon.

(3) G.S.R. No, 931 (E) dated ihe 16th September, 1988 exempting goods covered by Notification G.S.R-No. 930(E) dated 16-9-88 from the whole of the auxiliary duty of customs ieviable thereon.

(4) G.S.R. No. 941 (E) dated the 19th September, 1988 amending Notification No. 88/87-Customs dated 1st March, 1987 so as to change the basic customs duty o$_n$ items such as self-adhesivg pates sheets, films, foil, tape, strip and other flat shapes of plastics, whether or not in rolls covered by Chapter Heading No 39.19 of Customs Tariff Act, from Rs. 100 per Kg. to 50 per cent *ad-valorem* plus Rs. 35 per Kg.

(5) G.S.R. No. 942(E) dated he 19th September, 1988 amending Notification No. 158/88- Customs and 162/88-Customs, dated the 13th May. 1988 so as to subject 'Plans' to auxiliary duty of Customs at the rate of 30 per cent *ad-valorem,* instead of the present 'nil' rate of auxiliary duty leviable thereon.

(6) G.S.R. No. 943 (E) date the 20th September, 1988. ex^mp black pepper, when exporter! or India, from the whole of the dut" of Customs leviable thereon.

'7) G.S.R. No. 946 fE) dated the 21st Sen^{f}ember. 1988 superseding Notification No. 132/87-Customs date^ the 19th March, 1987 so as to exclude specified goods from the